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Office Action Summary

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James W. Cranson

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1-4 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 1 line 2 “are combined to be formed with a bell” is not clear. The specification recites “are combined to have a bell.” Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the LED lamp" in line 21. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 2,629,044 to Marfisi. A hollow revolving illuminated sphere that includes a sound source and multi-colors is disclosed by Marfisi.

Regarding claim 1

A multi-functional bell (figures 1-3) comprising a lower semi-round bell (10) and an upper semi-round bell (11) which are combined to be formed with a bell; a sound source (16) being placed in the bell; colors of the upper semi-round and lower semi-round being changeable (column 3, lines 3-9); a space being formed between the upper semi-round bell and lower semi-

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round bell for receiving gifts so that the bell being as a package box (figures 2 and 3 show a hollow sphere).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 2, according to claim 1 recites" wherein an edge of a bottom of the lower semi-round bell coupling to the upper semi-round bell is installed with a plurality of rotatable bucking sheets which are vertically protruded from the edge; an edge of the upper semi-round bell coupling to the lower semi-round bell is formed with an annular resisting edge for resisting against the rotatable bucking sheets; a plurality of buckle sheets are protruded from the resisting edge; the buckle sheets are alternatively arranged with the rotatable bucking sheets so that the upper semi-round bell is able to be coupled to the lower semi-round bell by engaging the buckle sheets and the rotatable buckling sheets" and these limitations are not found or taught in the art of record.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 2 and would be allowable for the same reasons.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is USPN 4,421,234 Gartner et al discloses using a bayonet connection as a coupling device.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James W. Cranson whose telephone number is 571-272-2368.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30A.M.- 5:00P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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